

HOUSE BILL 2236

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 3, Part 6; Title 37 and Title 39, Chapter
15, Part 4, relative to child abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(1), is amended by
deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(1) "Abuse" exists when a person under the age of eighteen (18):

(A) Is suffering from, has sustained, or may be in immediate danger of
suffering from or sustaining a wound, injury, disability or physical or mental
condition caused by brutality, neglect or other actions or inactions of a parent,
relative, guardian or caretaker; or

(B) Witnesses the abuse of another child in the child's immediate family
or household or domestic abuse, as defined in § 36-3-601, of a member of the
child's immediate family or household;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.